



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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B-205100

DATE: October 21, 1981

MATTER OF:

Western Microfilm Systems, Inc.

DIGEST:

Protests concerning small business size status are not considered by GAO, but rather by SBA which, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 637(b), exercises conclusive authority in this area.

Western Microfilm Systems, Inc. (Western) protests any award of a contract by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under solicitation No. R6-81-3025 to Ford Graphics. According to Western, this solicitation is a total small business set-aside and Ford Graphics is not a small business. We understand that upon receipt of a copy of this protest, the USDA requested the Small Business Administration (SBA) to determine Ford Graphics' size status.

Our Office does not consider protests concerning small business size status. Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b) (1976), the SBA is empowered to conclusively determine matters of small business size status for Federal procurement and sales purposes. SBA's determination is not subject to our review. Macy M. Sharf Company, Inc.-Reconsideration, B-202955.2, June 30, 1981, 81-1 CPD 545.

The protest is dismissed.

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